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Examiner Wilson,

As we discussed in our telephone call today, I am forwarding the below proposed amendments to claims 10 and 11 responsive to rejection under 35 USC 112 (deletions are in brackets):

10. A mold for forming therein a dental model base useable with a dental articulator, the mold comprising:  
a bottom portion having a rear wall and a side wall at a periphery thereof extending upwards to define a cavity, the walls having upper edges defining an opening to the cavity, and at a portion of the rear wall, curvate surfaces defining a recess, wherein the axis [of curvature] of the curvate surfaces is essentially parallel to the rear wall.

11. A mold for forming therein a dental model base useable with a dental articulator, the mold comprising:  
a bottom portion having a rear wall and a side wall at a periphery thereof extending upwards to define a cavity, the walls having upper edges defining an opening to the cavity, and at a portion of the rear wall, curvate surfaces defining a recess, wherein the axis [of curvature] of the curvate surfaces is orientated in a transverse relationship to the rear wall.

Please note that the recitation "orientated in a transverse relationship to the rear wall" in claim 11 is supported in the specification at page 13, lines 6-23 and Figs. 13-14.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that Claims 2-7, 10, and 11 are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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